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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1713 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Toshikazu YABE, et al.

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For:

RUBBER MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND LINEAR MOTION APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7-64 are all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 7-12, 29-40 and 57-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al or Rau et al.

Claims 18-28 and 46-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al or Rau et al as applied and further in view of Ryoke et al.